

Hopewell Happenings

April 2016



PTA President's Message

Happy April. Spring is finally here!!!! The daffodils are blooming and the trees are budding.

Dance for Education will be taking place on Friday, April 8th. Parents with all of their clearances are encouraged to come and participate with their children, no need to sign up, just show up ready to dance!

- AM Kindergarten/Grade 1: 10:30-11:10
- PM Kindergarten/Grade 2: 1:50-2:30
- Grade 3: 2:35-3:15

It is not too late to donate to this fundraiser. Please just send a check with your child's name, their class, and Dance for Education written on an envelope. All of the money we raise will go towards the playground at the new school. Thank you to all that have turned in their labels, donated stamps and donated money already. **PLEASE WEAR HOPEWELL BLUE AND IT WILL BE "ROCKSTAR/DANCER HAIR DAY"**

Hopewell Festival is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd from 5:30-8:30pm. Plans are already underway for this fun event. Please contact committee chairs Tiffany Gyuricsko (tiffanygyuricsko@gmail.com) and Melissa Moffatt (melissaj13@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Keep on clipping Box Tops and Campbell soup labels. These labels really add up. Ask your family and friends to help us earn rewards.

At our April meeting, we will be calling for officer nominations. If you are interested in a position, let us know.

Want to know what else is going on with the PTA? Come to our next meeting on **Wednesday, April 6th at 9:30 a.m.** We'll have updates on the Hopewell festival, budget for next year and more. Remember, young children are always welcome.

Until Next Month,

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PTA President
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A message from the Principal...

Dear Hopewell Families:

Happy Spring everyone! It's nice to see warm weather is just around the corner. Our calendar will start to fill up quickly with events and activities to finish out the 2015-16 school year.

Classroom placements for next school year:

Please understand that each year we receive requests from parents to have their child placed with a specific teacher. Unfortunately, we cannot honor this type of request. Academic and social factors are the primary determinants in the placement decisions for every child. When planning for our next school year, the principal, psychologist, reading specialist, instructional support teacher, and classroom teachers review the strengths and needs of each child in our school. This is a process that takes hours of work and discussion. Parents having unique placement concerns about their child are invited to share their thoughts in writing to the principal by May 1st.

Please be advised I do not provide individual responses to these letters but accept parental input for informational purposes only. Central office and our transportation department do not finalize school assignments until August since they attempt to balance the enrollment numbers in classrooms between our schools. Therefore, student assignments within our building are not finalized and will not be available until 2 weeks before the start of the school year. Thank you for your understanding.

Student footwear:

As warm weather approaches, we'd like to remind parents that appropriate footwear is requested for school. While flip-flops are easy to slide off and on, they tend to break easily and result in more student injuries at school. During physical education, students are required to wear sneakers. For recess, students are required to wear secure footwear with straps. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Spring safety reminder:

We are in the process of reviewing school-wide safety expectations with our students. This seems to be necessary each spring when our weather improves. Please have a discussion with your child about our Hopewell CARES philosophy and encourage your child to "Be Nice and Be Safe" at all times. All words should be nice and make others feel comfortable, and all actions should be safe so no one gets hurt. This is necessary on the bus, classroom, cafeteria, playground and lavatories. Please ask your child to explain the safety responsibilities in these areas and why they're important for everyone!

New building update:

We are continuing to plan for the opening of our new school for the 2016-17 school year. Everything is still on schedule. Please stay tuned for more updates.

Once next year's school calendar is submitted and approved by our school board we can share some information about student orientations that will occur before the first day of school. Please keep in mind the new building will be new for all of us. Please be assured we'll be practicing and learning new routines for many weeks into the new school year.

Have a wonderful spring!

Ms. Limpar



Nursing Station

Spring Cleaning?

The Hopewell health room is always in need of gently used clean clothes for students in grades K-3. Accidents occur and we like to provide a clean change of clothes to our students when this happens. Please remember to wash and return any borrowed clothing that may be provided to your child. Undergarments are always new (paid for by our PTA) and do not need to be returned after an accident!



Hopewell Coming Events:



4/4, 4/5, 4/6: Kindergarten registration for next year @ Liberty Bell (by appt.)

4/5 and 4/12: 4H Club presentation to Grade 3

4/6: PTA meeting @ 9:30 AM

4/8: Report cards distributed

4/8: Dance for Education Wear HW blue and "rock star/dancer" hair

4/11: Spirit Day: Wear your favorite College Attire to encourage 3rd Graders to do their best on the PSSA

4/12: First grade field trip to DeSales to see Sleeping Beauty

4/12-4/21: 3rd Grade PSSA ELA and Math Assessments

4/28, 4/29: 3rd grade field trip to Historic Bethlehem

***April CARES trait is RESPECT!**

Newsletter Submissions

Please place all articles in the Hopewell Happenings mailbox in the main office or e-mail them to kangney@rcn.com **by the 20th of each month.** All submissions are subject to approval by Ms. Limpar.